

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

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**Question No: 4**

**Program 1.1**

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**Topic: Vacancies**

**Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:**

Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.

**Answer:**

The table below reflects the vacancies to the Communications portfolio boards as at 30 January 2016.

<b>Australia Post Board</b>	1 vacant Non-executive Director since 13 December 2015
<b>Australian Communications and Media Authority</b>	4 vacant members - (The ACMA Act allows for the appointment of a Chair, Deputy Chair and up to seven other members, however it has been the policy of successive governments that the Authority is able to function effectively without all member positions being filled)
<b>NBN Co Limited Board</b>	2 Vacant Non-executive directors. Under the current Constitution, the Board may have a minimum of three and a maximum of nine directors. There are currently seven members appointed
<b>Classification Board</b>	1 vacant member since 2 September 2015. Covered by appointment of temporary Board members as required.
<b>Classification Review Board</b>	Convenor vacant since 6 February 2015 – Acting Deputy Convenor has acted as Convenor from 6 February 2015 to 6 June 2015 and 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.  Deputy Convenor vacant since 7 December 2014 – Acting Deputy Convenor appointed from 7 December 2014 to 6 June 2015 and 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 (position has remained vacant when Acting Deputy Convenor has acted as Convenor whenever that office has been vacant)  Member vacant since 17 June 2014 – acting Member appointed from 7 December 2014 to 6 June 2015 and 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016  Member vacant since 7 December 2014 – acting Member appointed from 7 December 2014 to 6 June 2015 and 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.  Member vacant since 7 December 2014 – acting Member appointed from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.
<b>Australian Film, Television and Radio School Council</b>	Vacant Chair since 28 October 2015 and 2 vacant members since 9 March 2014

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<b>Screen Australia Board</b>	3 vacant members: two member positions have been vacant since 30 June 2015 and one member position has been vacant since 9 September 2015.
<b>National Library of Australia Council</b>	1 vacant member – length of vacancy was approximately 7 months as at 29 January 2016
<b>National Cultural Heritage Committee</b>	1 vacant member since 13 August 2015.
<b>National Film and Sound Archive Board</b>	4 vacant members – length of vacancy for 3 positions was 2 years 5 months; and 1 position for at least 7 years, as at 29 Jan 2016.
<b>National Gallery</b>	1 vacant member since 23 May 2015.
<b>National Portrait Gallery</b>	1 vacant Deputy Chair since 30 June 2015 and 1 vacant Member since 24 July 2015
<b>Australia Council Board</b>	1 vacant member, position vacant since 30 June 2015